



State of Wisconsin
Governor Scott Walker

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

Ben Brancel, Secretary

DATE: November 1, 2012

TO: Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

FROM: Ben Brancel, Secretary
David Meany, Chief Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: Small Business Regulatory Review Board

PRESENTED BY: David Meany, Chief Legal Counsel

RECOMMENDATION: This is for informational purposes only. No Board action is required.

SUMMARY / BACKGROUND:

David Meany will present a report on the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB).

SBRRB is an independent board that consists of 7 representatives of small business appointed by the Governor and is attached to the Department of Administration. The Board also includes one senate and one assembly member.

SBRRB may review current and proposed agency rules to determine the economic impact on small business and suggest changes to minimize adverse impacts. SBRRB may also review state agency compliance with small business rulemaking procedures. 2011 Wisconsin Act 46 and Executive Order 61 requires agencies to assist small businesses with complying with rules, consider reduced fines for minor violations, and consider written warnings for rule violations made by small businesses who act in good faith to comply with a rule.

SBRRB does not have direct authority to order changes to department rules or procedures, but it may submit comments to the department and the Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse.

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